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### **Authority**

The Board of School Directors ("Board") of Springfield School District ("District") acknowledges action by the 1977 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of Act 59 which was signed into law August 24, 1977. This Act pertains to the destruction of school property and amends Section 777 of the "Public School Code of 1949" to include the following language: [\[1\]](#)

1. If any person shall willfully or maliciously break into, enter, deface, or write, mark, or place any obscene or improper matter upon, any public school building, or other building used for school purposes, or other purposes provided for in this act, or any out-house used in connection therewith; or shall deface, injure, damage, or destroy any school furniture, books, paper, maps, charts, apparatus, computer technology or other property contained in any public school building, or other building used and occupied for school purposes, other purposes provided for in this act; or shall injure, damage or destroy any shade trees, shrubbery, fences, or any other property of any kind, upon any public school grounds, or upon any public school playgrounds, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, either or both, at the discretion of the court. In addition to any other penalty prescribed by this subsection, the court, upon conviction of a defendant for a violation of this subsection, may order the defendant to compensate the school district for any damage it sustained as a result of the defendant's unlawful conduct.
2. The Board of a school district is authorized to adopt regulations and procedures providing for rewards of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to any person who provides information which aids in the conviction of any person for violating the provisions of subsection a.

The Board herewith authorizes the administration to invoke applicable provisions of the above noted Act in dealing with cases of willful or malicious damage or destruction to District grounds, buildings, supplies, equipment or instructional materials.

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1. 24 P.S. 777